Private sector participation in defence production and Ordnance Factories

*411. DR. KARAN SINGH:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering to announce role of private sector in defence production and Ordnance factories;

(b)if so, whether any MoU has been signed by Government with private firms in this regard;

(c) if so, what are details of same and to what extent working arrangements between private industry and Ordnance factories would be undertaken;

(d) whether any concrete formula has been evolved;

(e) if so, the details of same and whether any efforts made from the private sector has been considered; and

(f) if so, by what time private sector would start defence production?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (f) In May 2001, the defence industry sector was opened up to 100% for Indian private sector participation subject to licensing. As regards Ordnance Factories, a very large number of Private Sector companies are already supplying inputs including raw material, assemblies, sub-assemblies, components, etc., to them for production of Defence equipment required by the Armed Forces.

The Government has not signed any MOU with private firms. Several private firms are already manufacturing Defence products.

CRPF personnel attacking general public

*412. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have noted some incidents involving CRPF personnel attacking the general public in trains and in markets;